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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EC, XF

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REAFFIRMATION OF NOVEMBER 1973 EC
DECLARATION ON ME

REF: STATE 158880

SUMMARY. GOI VIEWS AS MINIMAL THE POSSIBILITY THAT EC
POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL RECOMMEND REITERATION OF 1973 ME
DECLARATION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ABSENCE JULY 6 OF MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS, WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO VICE DIRECTOR
GENERAL GARDINI.

2. GARDINI, WHO TOOK EXTENSIVE AND CAREFUL NOTES, SAID HE
WOULD CONVEY THE "COMMUNICATION" TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS
CONVENING JULY 7.

3. GARDINI WENT ON TO SAY, "SPEAKING PERSONALLY", IT WAS
VERY UNLIKELY THAT OPTION OF REAFFIRMATION WOULD BE PURSUED
IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. FIRST, ALL EC PARTIES SEEM
TO BE VERY WELL AWARE OF CURRENT DELICATE STATE OF PLAY AND
WOULD BE LOATH TO RISK IMBALANCING THE SITUATION. MOREOVER,
THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN REAFFIRMATION AMONG EC
MEMBERS AND POLITICAL DIRGEN DUCCI FULLY ANTICIPATES POLITICAL
DIRECTORS WILL DECIDE TO POSTPONE ANY FURTHER ACTION ALONG
THIS LINE.

4. THE IDEA OF REPRISING THE DECLARATION HAD BEEN RAISED BY
THE FRG SOME MONTHS BACK, "BEFORE SALZBURG", AS ONE POSSIBLE
"HELPFUL" MEASURE THE EC COULD TAKE FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN
OF THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH. IT HAD WOUND ITS WAY THROUGH
THE EC MECHANISM AND ROUTINELY ENDED ON THE ME EXPERTS AGENDA
JUNE 27 WITHOUT NATIONAL SUPPORT. GARDINI NOTED, THAT, WHILE
THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL LIKELY SHELVE THE IDEA, IT
MIGHT BE DISTED OFF LATER IF INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES
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